

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Violence against older persons, a human rights violation
Side Event, Human Rights Council 38th session
Monday 18 June 2018 – 12:00-13:30 - Conference Room XXIII- Palais des Nations

Violence against older persons remains largely hidden. However, it is gaining recognition as an important barrier to the enjoyment of human rights by older persons. Older women and older persons with disabilities may be especially vulnerable to abuse by a range of perpetrators including intimate partner, family members, caregivers and institutions.

This side event will discuss how the issue is covered - or not – by existing human rights mechanisms. It will showcase legal approaches in national contexts.

As the 9th session of the OEWG in July 2018 will discuss in focus issues of autonomy and independence and long term and palliative care, the event will focus on how different forms of violence, abuse and neglect have a direct impact on the denial of autonomy and a good standard of care.

Opening words:

- **HE Ambassador Carlos Foradori**, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Argentina
- Message from **Rosa Kornfeld Matte**, Independent Expert on the rights of older persons

Panelists:

- **Marie Beaulieu**, expert researcher from Sherbrooke University, Canada
- **Dennis Bortey**, President Alzheimer's Disease Ghana
- **Bridget Penhale**, expert researcher, University of East Anglia, UK
- **Jörg Rickenmann**, Coordinator Alter Ego, Switzerland

Moderator: **Beatriz Balbin**, Chief of the Special Procedures Branch, OHCHR

Closing words:

- **HE Ambassador Tomaž Mencin**, Deputy Permanent representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia
The panel will be followed by an interactive debate with the audience

Captioning, French interpretation and webcast will be available.

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Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Israel, Montenegro, Namibia, Portugal, Philippines, Slovenia and Uruguay*

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The event will be webcast at: <http://www.treatybodywebcast.org/treaty-body-webcast-ii/>